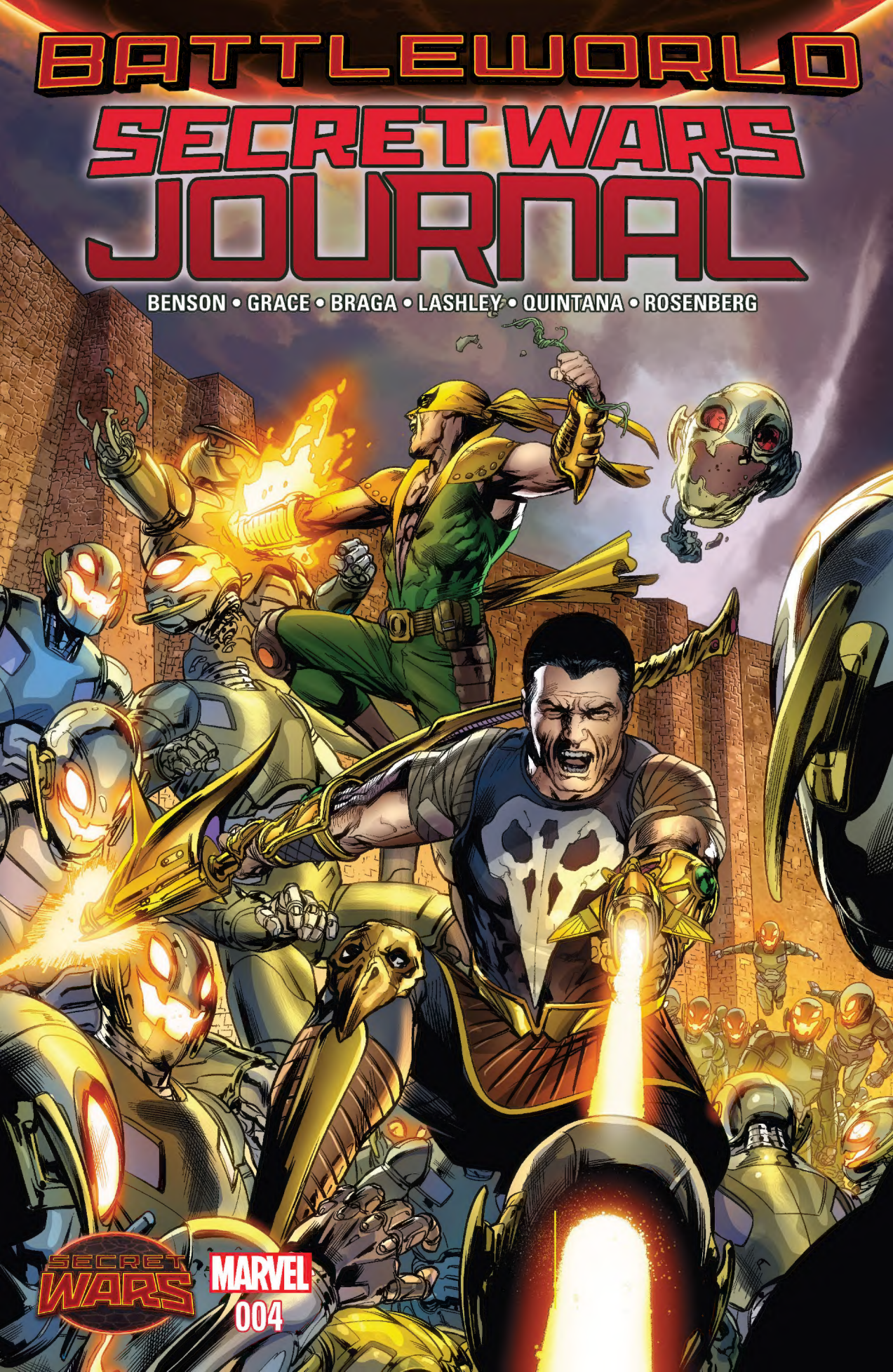
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THE MULTIVERSE WAS DESTROYED!

THE HEROES OF EARTH-616 AND EARTH-1610 WERE POWERLESS TO SAVE IT!

NOW, ALL THAT REMAINS...IS **BATTLEWORLD**!

A MASSIVE, PATCHWORK PLANET COMPOSED OF THE FRAGMENTS OF WORLDS THAT NO LONGER EXIST, MAINTAINED BY THE IRON WILL OF ITS GOD AND MASTER, VICTOR VON DOOM!

EACH REGION IS A DOMAIN UNTO ITSELF!

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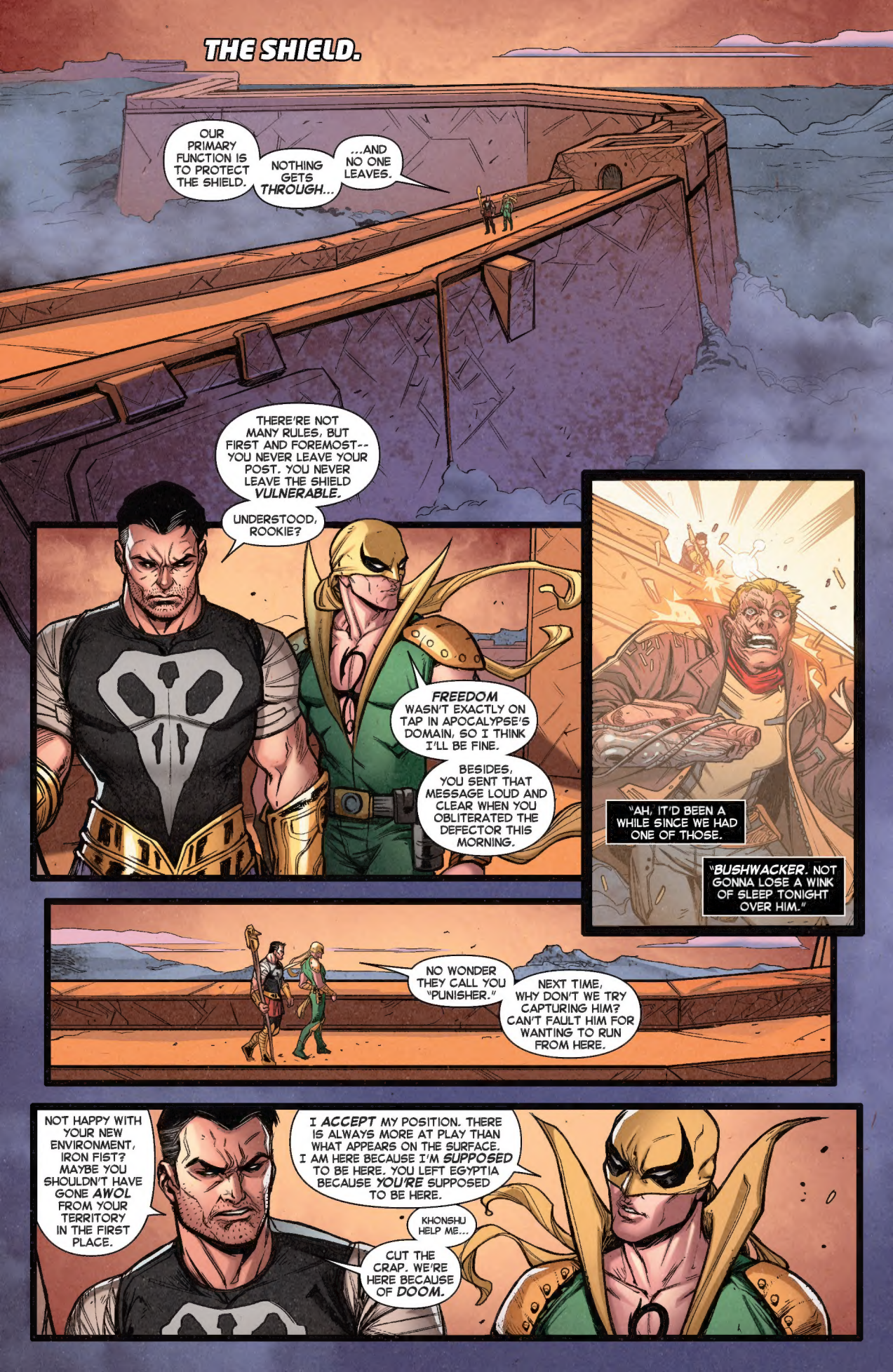
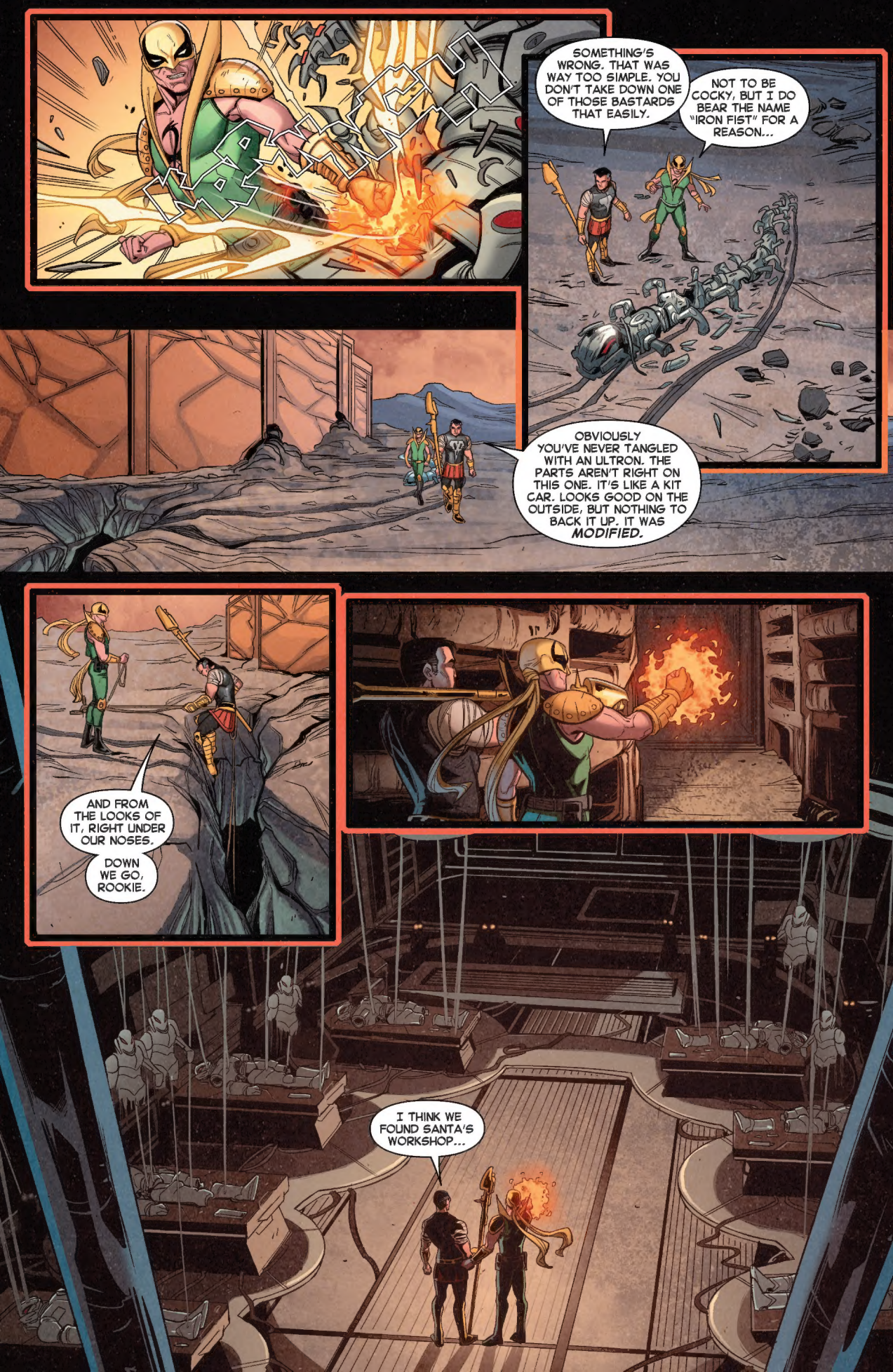
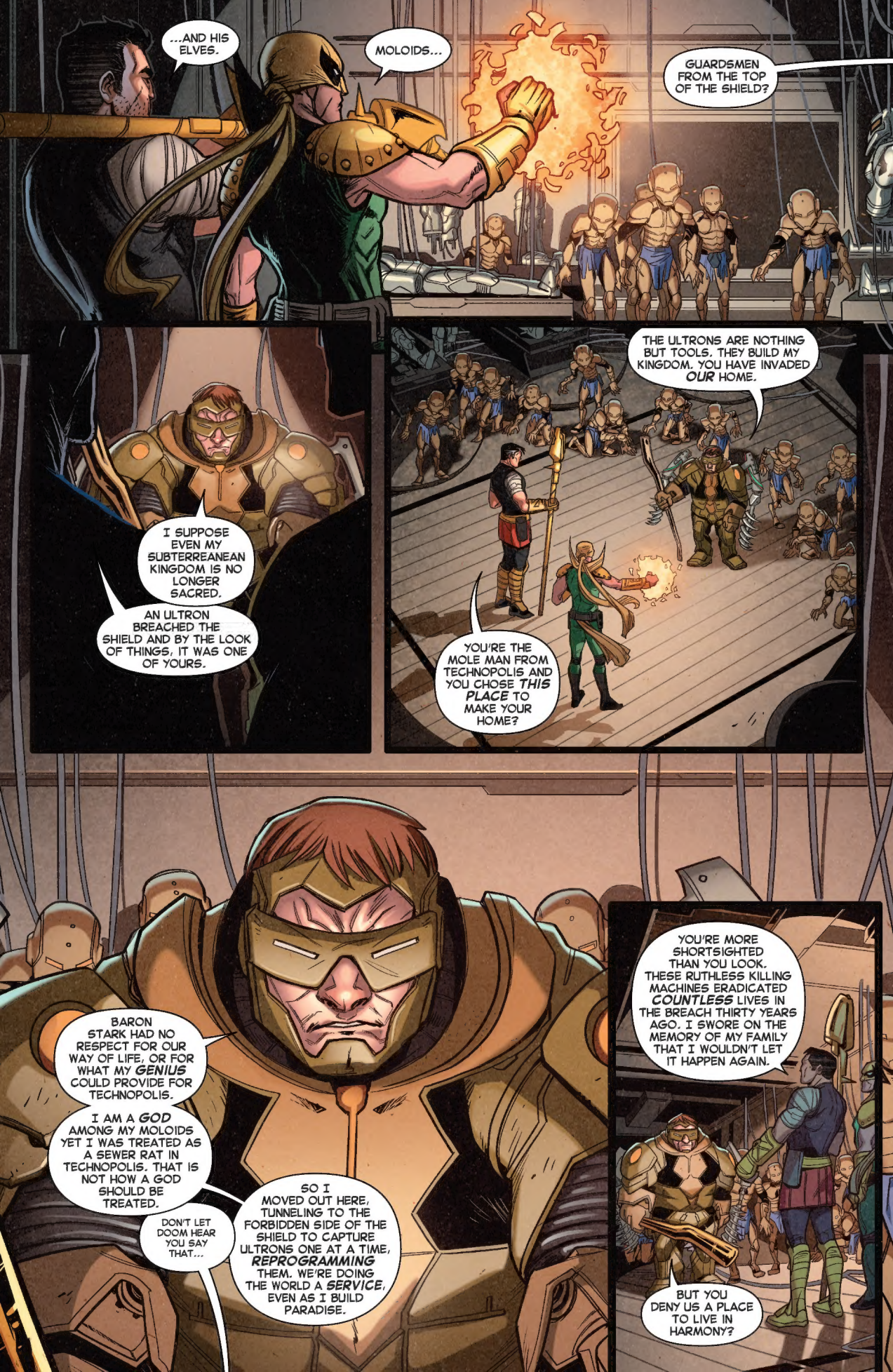

THE SHIELD.
OUR PRIMARY FUNCTION IS TO PROTECT THE SHIELD.
NOTHING GETS THROUGH...
...AND NO ONE LEAVES.
THERE'RE NOT MANY RULES, BUT FIRST AND FOREMOST-- YOU NEVER LEAVE YOUR POST. YOU NEVER LEAVE THE SHIELD VULNERABLE.
UNDERSTOOD, ROOKIE?
FREEDOM WASN'T EXACTLY ON TAP IN APOCALYPSE'S DOMAIN, SO I THINK I'LL BE FINE.
BESIDES, YOU SENT THAT MESSAGE LOUD AND CLEAR WHEN YOU OBLITERATED THE DEFECTOR THIS MORNING.
"AH, IT'D BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE HAD ONE OF THOSE.
"BUSHWACKER. NOT GONNA LOSE A WINK OF SLEEP TONIGHT OVER HIM."
NO WONDER THEY CALL YOU "PUNISHER."
NEXT TIME, WHY DON'T WE TRY CAPTURING HIM? CAN'T FAULT HIM FOR WANTING TO RUN FROM HERE.
NOT HAPPY WITH YOUR NEW ENVIRONMENT, IRON FIST? MAYBE YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE GONE AWOL FROM YOUR TERRITORY IN THE FIRST PLACE.
I ACCEPT MY POSITION. THERE IS ALWAYS MORE AT PLAY THAN WHAT APPEARS ON THE SURFACE. I AM HERE BECAUSE I'M SUPPOSED TO BE HERE. YOU LEFT EGYPTIA BECAUSE YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE HERE.
KHONSHU HELP ME...
CUT THE CRAP. WE'RE HERE BECAUSE OF DOOM.

WELL, MAYBE IT'S A GOOD THING WE ARE...
MOVEMENT. OVER THERE, NORTH SIDE OF THE WALL.
WE GOT US ANOTHER RUNNER?
NO... IT CAN'T BE...

WHO IS IT?
MUCH WORSE THAN WHO.
IT'S AN ULTRON.
AND ULTRONS AREN'T SUPPOSED TO BE ON THAT SIDE OF THE SHIELD.
Z-CHOOM
GIMME THE ROPE. WE'RE GOING DOWN THERE.
WHAT HAPPENED TO NEVER LEAVING OUR POSTS?
THE ROPE.
BE READY FOR ANYTHING, NOT ABOUT TO LET AN ULTRON GET THROUGH ON MY WATCH.
TINK
ZZZZZ-KRRRTTTZZ ENEMY DETECTED-KRRRTZZZZ


SOMETHING'S WRONG. THAT WAS WAY TOO SIMPLE. YOU DON'T TAKE DOWN ONE OF THOSE BASTARDS THAT EASILY.
NOT TO BE COCKY, BUT I DO BEAR THE NAME "IRON FIST" FOR A REASON...
OBVIOUSLY YOU'VE NEVER TANGLED WITH AN ULTRON. THE PARTS AREN'T RIGHT ON THIS ONE. IT'S LIKE A KIT CAR. LOOKS GOOD ON THE OUTSIDE, BUT NOTHING TO BACK IT UP. IT WAS *MODIFIED.*
AND FROM THE LOOKS OF IT, RIGHT UNDER OUR NOSES.
DOWN WE GO, ROOKIE.
I THINK WE FOUND SANTA'S WORKSHOP...


...AND HIS ELVES.
MOLOIDS...
GUARDSMEN FROM THE TOP OF THE SHIELD?
I SUPPOSE EVEN MY SUBTERREANEAN KINGDOM IS NO LONGER SACRED.
AN ULTRON BREACHED THE SHIELD AND BY THE LOOK OF THINGS, IT WAS ONE OF YOURS.
THE ULTRONS ARE NOTHING BUT TOOLS. THEY BUILD MY KINGDOM. YOU HAVE INVADED *OUR* HOME.
YOU'RE THE MOLE MAN FROM TECHNOPOLIS AND YOU CHOSE *THIS PLACE* TO MAKE YOUR HOME?
BARON STARK HAD NO RESPECT FOR OUR WAY OF LIFE, OR FOR WHAT MY *GENIUS* COULD PROVIDE FOR TECHNOPOLIS.
I AM A *GOD* AMONG MY MOLOIDS YET I WAS TREATED AS A SEWER RAT IN TECHNOPOLIS. THAT IS NOT HOW A GOD SHOULD BE TREATED.
DON'T LET DOOM HEAR YOU SAY THAT...
SO I MOVED OUT HERE, TUNNELING TO THE FORBIDDEN SIDE OF THE SHIELD TO CAPTURE ULTRONS ONE AT A TIME, *REPROGRAMMING* THEM. WE'RE DOING THE WORLD A *SERVICE*, EVEN AS I BUILD PARADISE.
YOU'RE MORE SHORTSIGHTED THAN YOU LOOK. THESE RUTHLESS KILLING MACHINES ERADICATED *COUNTLESS* LIVES IN THE BREACH THIRTY YEARS AGO. I SWORE ON THE MEMORY OF MY FAMILY THAT I WOULDN'T LET IT HAPPEN AGAIN.
BUT YOU DENY US A PLACE TO LIVE IN HARMONY?

YOU'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT HARMONY. THESE ABOMINATIONS CANNOT BE CONTROLLED. THEY SHOULD ALL BE GUTTED AND HOLLOWED OUT FOR LIGHT FIXTURES.
ULTRON ONLINE--HOSTILES DETECTED!
WHAT?!
RESUME PROGRAM!
DESTROY!
DESTROY!
DESTROY!
DESTROY!
DESTROY!
DESTROY!
DESTROY!
I THINK THEY HEARD YOU, PUNISHER!

KR-CH
OOM
OOF!
YOU GOT YOUR GAME FACE ON NOW, ROOK.
BUT YOUR BRAINS BETTER NOT BE OUT TO LUNCH.
'CAUSE IF THEY ARE...
...THEY'LL BE SPLATTERED ALL OVER THIS DESERT.
GHOOM
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, PUNISHER. I KNOW MY PLACE.
WHAM

GOOD LET'S TEACH THEM *THEIRS.*

"OUR PRIMARY FUNCTION IS TO PROTECT THE SHIELD.
"THAT DOESN'T CHANGE. BUT WE NEED TO BE MORE VIGILANT THAN EVER BEFORE.
"THE THREAT IS FROM ALL DIRECTIONS.
"NOTHING GETS OVER...
"...NOTHING GETS UNDER...
ROGER THAT.
...AND NO ONE LEAVES.
THIS WORLD IS UNPREDICTABLE, BUT I ACCEPT MY PLACE.
I AM HERE BECAUSE I AM SUPPOSED TO BE HERE.
THE END?!

THE SENTINEL TERRITORIES.
TOLSTOY ONCE SAID THAT THE TWO MOST POWERFUL WARRIORS ARE PATIENCE AND TIME.
I'VE BEEN IN HIDING FOR THE BETTER PART OF A DECADE.
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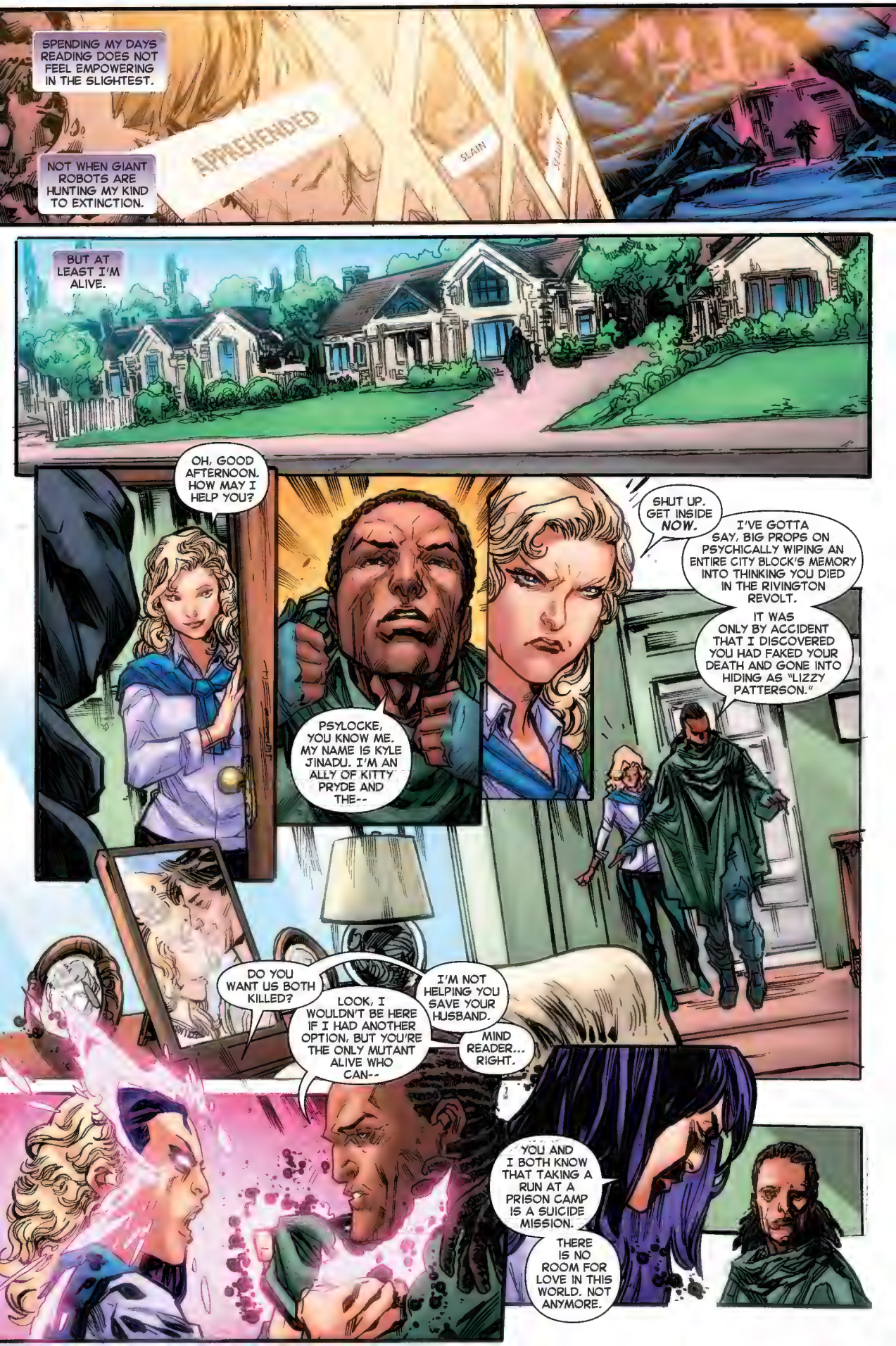
SPENDING MY DAYS READING DOES NOT FEEL EMPOWERING IN THE SLIGHTEST.
APPREHENDED
SLAIN
NOT WHEN GIANT ROBOTS ARE HUNTING MY KIND TO EXTINCTION.
BUT AT LEAST I'M ALIVE.
OH, GOOD AFTERNOON. HOW MAY I HELP YOU?
PSYLOCKE, YOU KNOW ME. MY NAME IS KYLE JINADU. I'M AN ALLY OF KITTY PRYDE AND THE--
SHUT UP. GET INSIDE NOW.
I'VE GOTTA SAY, BIG PROPS ON PSYCHICALLY WIPING AN ENTIRE CITY BLOCK'S MEMORY INTO THINKING YOU DIED IN THE RIVINGTON REVOLT.
IT WAS ONLY BY ACCIDENT THAT I DISCOVERED YOU HAD FAKED YOUR DEATH AND GONE INTO HIDING AS "LIZZY PATTERSON."
DO YOU WANT US BOTH KILLED?
LOOK, I WOULDN'T BE HERE IF I HAD ANOTHER OPTION, BUT YOU'RE THE ONLY MUTANT ALIVE WHO CAN--
I'M NOT HELPING YOU SAVE YOUR HUSBAND.
MIND READER... RIGHT.
YOU AND I BOTH KNOW THAT TAKING A RUN AT A PRISON CAMP IS A SUICIDE MISSION.
THERE IS NO ROOM FOR LOVE IN THIS WORLD. NOT ANYMORE.

NOW PLEASE GET OUT OF MY HOME.
I HAVE A CHANCE TO BE WITH THE LOVE OF MY LIFE. MY FIGHT ISN'T OVER! PLEASE, I'M BEGGING HERE!
LOOK, I'M NOT SAYING IT'LL BE EASY, BUT WE HAVE A SHOT AT GETTING NORTHSTAR OUT. I'LL JUST NEED TIME TO TAKE HIS INHIBITOR COLLAR OFF...
KYLE, I'M SAFE HERE. I DON'T WANT TO GO OUT THERE AND SPEND MY DAYS RUNNING, STARVING, AND BEING HUNTED.
I DON'T WANT TO DIE.
PLEASE LEAVE NOW AND LET ME GET ON WITH MY LIFE.
"LIFE"?! WHAT LIFE ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU DON'T WANT TO HELP ME, FINE. I'M GOING ON THIS MISSION WITH OR WITHOUT YOU. I WON'T LET MY REASON FOR LIVING SLIP AWAY.
I'M SORRY TO SEE THAT YOU ALREADY HAVE, BETSY.
LIZZY PATTERSON'S LIFE IS YOGA AND BON-BONS. PSYLOCKE HAD A REASON TO LIVE--SHE HAD FRIENDS, FAMILY.
YOU'VE ALREADY STOOD IDLY BY WHILE XAVIER AND THE X-MEN WERE MURDERED... YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO BRING ME AND NORTHSTAR BACK TOGETHER, AND FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT THING.

SENECA IS QUOTED SAYING THAT SOMETIMES EVEN TO LIVE IS AN ACT OF COURAGE.
GRANTED, HE WAS FORCED TO KILL HIMSELF FOR CONSPIRING AGAINST NERO.
ELIZABETH BRADDOCK WAS ALL APPEARANCES.
LIZZY WAS A LIE.
FORGET.
THINGS ARE ABOUT TO GET REAL...

KER-KRASH
YOU CAN DO THIS, YOU CAN DO THIS, YOU CAN DO THIS.
GUYS, I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING, BUT I ASSURE YOU...
...THAT I AM STRETCHING THIS SENTENCE OUT AS LONG AS POSSIBLE SO YOU WON'T NOTICE MY NINJA FRIEND CREEPING UP BEHIND YOU.
TAKE A GUN AND FIGHT LIKE YOU'RE ACTUALLY GOING TO WIN.

OKAY, YOU SWEEP LEFT, I'LL SWEEP RIGHT.

THE SECOND JEAN-PAUL'S COLLAR IS OFF, WE VAMOOSE.

THIS IS SO MUCH BETTER THAN READING.

JEAN-PAUL!

NORTHSTAR--

NORTHSTAR!

I'LL NEVER TELL KYLE, BUT I REALLY MISSED THIS.

I MISSED *THE FIGHT.*

JEAN-PAUL!

NORTHSTAR!

KYLE?

COME HERE. LET ME--

KYLE!

KRAM

NON-COMPLIANCE REQUIRES SWIFT AND IMMEDIATE EXECUTION.
YOU FOUND ME...
WHAT ELSE WAS I GONNA DO?
I'LL DO ANYTHING TO SEE THAT STUPID SMILE.
ALSO, WE OWE KITTY PRYDE THE BIGGEST GIFT BASKET.
SHH. YOU'RE RUINING THE MOMENT.

THEY'RE SHUTTING US IN.
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY OUT OF HERE.
EIGHT SENTINELS. A DOZEN MORE GUARDS...I CAN HANDLE THEM WHILE YOU FLY TO SAFETY.
WAIT, WHAT--?
ARE YOU STRONG ENOUGH TO GET HIM 30 KLICKS EAST?
THERE'S A DENSE PATCH OF FOREST YOU CAN HIDE IN UNTIL YOU'RE RECOVERED AND HEAD TO FIND A REBEL CAMP.
I CAN PULL THAT OFF.
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WE FIGHT TOGETHER, WE LEAVE TOGETHER.
STOP ACTING LIKE THIS WASN'T PART OF THE PLAN, KYLE.
GO. BE IN LOVE. KEEP LIVING.
I'LL BUY YOU TIME.
NORTHSTAR'S WEAK...BUT I SAW A HUNGER IN HIS EYES FOR THE FIGHT.
THEY CAN MAKE IT.

THE PAIN IS UNDENIABLE...IT'S ALSO A REMINDER.
I'VE BEEN AT WAR WITH MYSELF.
MY BODY, MY MIND, MY SOUL--IT'S ALL BEEN TAMPERED AND TOYED WITH SO I CAN SURVIVE ANYTHING...
...FOR WHAT?
COME ON, THEN.
I SURVIVED LONG ENOUGH SO I COULD FIGHT FOR SOMETHING THAT MATTERED.
END.

MINUTEMEN
Blutman